Purchase norms in Jaipur region of KVS

†*24. SHRI D.P. YADAV: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a definite procedural norm for purchases in Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan; if so, the details thereof and the amount above which tender is issued;

(b) whether some group 'A' principals in Jaipur division have been accused of violation of procedure in purchase of computers and no action has been taken against them by the Sangathan, while some other principals have been punished for such violation;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) the justification for this discrimination; and

(e) whether action is being taken against officials in Jaipur division accused of violation of procedure; if so, by when and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) to (e) Yes, Sir. Accounts Code for Kendriya Vidyalayas contains details of procedural norms for purchases. Normally for purchases exceeding Rs. 1000/-, tenders/quotations are necessary. However, in certain circumstances tenders/quotations need not be invited for purchases upto 5000/- on each occasion if it is not considered feasible in the opinion of the competent authority. Some complaints were received regarding purchase of computers against Principal of KV, Naseerabad under Jaipur Region. On inquiry it was found that Principal had not obtained signatures of all purchase committee members on each paper of quotation letters and had not deducted 2% tax at source from the suppliers. These violations were not considered grave enough to take any punitive action against the Principal. According to KVS no complaint has been received against any one else regarding purchase of computers.

Departmental enquiries in KVS

†*25. SHRI VIJAY SINGH YADAV: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

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(a) whether it is a fact that departmental enquiry has normally to be completed within six months, as per Central Civil Services Rules, 1965;

(b) if so, the details of departmental enquiries in Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan which are pending/incomplete for the past one, two, three, four or more years;

(c) the details of such delay, enquiry-wise;

(d) the details of provisions for action against officers responsible for such delays; and

(e) the details of officers against whom such action has been taken/is to be taken?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) to (e) The Central Civil Services Rules, 1965 has not prescribed any time limit for completion of the departmental enquiries.

Department Enquiries against Group 'A' Officers of Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan Head quarter/Regional Office; Principals and Vice-Principals/ Principal Gr. II of the Kendriya Vidyalayas which are Group 'A' & 'B' respectively are instituted by the KVS (HQ) while the Departmental Enquiries against other Group 'B', 'C' and 'D' employees are instituted by the concerned Regional Office and Vidyalayas and details & status position of the particular group of employees are maintained by the respective office only. The total number of Departmental Enquiries pending/incomplete at Headquarters in the Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan for the last one, two, three, four and more years are 07, 01, 01 and 03 respectively. Similar information in respect of Group 'B', 'C' & 'D' employees is 15,8,3 and 10 respectively. The delays are largely on account of non-cooperation of the charged officers, stay orders by Tribunals or courts, frequent adjournments on various grounds given by the enquiry officer.

Efforts are always made by the KVS to expedite the enquiries/departmental proceedings. There is no specific provision for action against the officer for delay. However, if there is any deliberate omission/commission for delaying the inquiry, suitable disciplinary action can always be taken against the delinquent officers. However, no such necessity has arisen for such action.

Water purification plant for the railways

*26. PROF M. SANKARALINGAM: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that he has announced recently setting up of water